Payment of wages to Physicians of Indian System of Medicines

2807. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any proposal from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for approval of the recommendation made by the Fourth Pay Commission in respect of payment of wages to the Physicians of Indian System of Medicines in C.G.H.S.;

(b) if so, when the proposal was received in his Ministry and what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be cleared by his Ministry for its implementation by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (c) The recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission in regard to pay scales of Physicians of the Indian System of Medicines/ Homoeopathy are presently under consideration of the Government. In accordance with the established procedure the decision of the Government in this regard would be taken after due consultation amongst various Ministries/Departments concerned.

Representations received against Peerless General Finance and Investment Company

2808. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently received a number of representations about the activities of the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company including their method of collection of deposits, development of funds, etc; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) There have been representations on various aspects relating to the functioning of the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited, Calcutta (Peerless). These are examined on merits. Reserve Bank of India have issued a new set of directions which are applicable to the schemes run by the Companies such as the Peerless. These directions, *inter-alia*, provide for the manner in which the deposits are to be collected and invested by the Peerless and are considered to be adequate for the safety of the funds/depositors, etc.

FICCI suggestion to introduce ATA Carnet

2809. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestion from the FICCI to introduce ATA Carnet to facilitate import and export of goods and professional equipment for use as samples at exhibitions and fairs;

(b) whether it is a fact that the introduction of ATA Carnet will reduce the time taken in clearance of goods both at the point of entry into India and for re-export;

(c) whether Government will lose revenue by introducing the ATA Carnet; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for not accepting the suggestion of the FICCI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.